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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates generally to plant extracts and/or components isolated therefrom which exhibit desirable properties in relation to therapy and/or food technology. More particularly, the present invention relates to extracts and components isolated thereof from the plant genus *Zingiber* and in particular from the rhizome of the species *Zingiber officinale* (also known as ginger) which comprise activities having broad applicability in the fields of research reagents, inter alia pharmaceutical and/or nutraceutical product development, manufacture of improved high-value food and feed products, production of alcohol from cereals and waste treatment.

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